During this period real expenditure on Social Security grew by 2.6 per cent per annum. The expenditure on social services (comprising of education, health, family welfare, housing, water, labour welfare and social security etc.) of the Central Government increased from 1.28 per cent in 1992-1993 as expressed as a ratio to GDP at current prices to 1.66 per cent in 2000-2001.

Out of the 397 million workers in the country 28 million workers are covered in the organized sector. Around 5 million workers in the unorganized sector (beedi workers, cine workers, mine workers, etc.) are covered under welfare schemes which provide some security cover. Some workers in the unorganized sector are also covered under social assistance schemes of State Governments.

Employment Exchanges in Rajasthan

*546 SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employment exchanges functioning at present in Rajasthan, district-wise and location-wise; and

(b) the details of the unemployed youth indicating their trade registered with each exchange during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) and (b) As per the available information, a total number of 38 Employment Exchanges were functioning in the State of Rajasthan as on Dec.2000. Employment Exchange wise details of the registered job seekers for the last five years were as given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below). Trade wise details of the registered Job seekers are not maintained.

Statement

Numbers of Employment Exchanges and number of job seekers in Rajasthan

Sl. No.	Employment Exchange	No. of job seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on (in thousands)				
		Dec. 1996	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1998	Dec. 1999	Dec.2000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Ajmer	41.6	39.6	37.6	33.6	29.2
2	Alwar	57	50.4	57.3	50.3	46.7
3	Banswara	15.1	14.4	14.1	12.9	12.6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	Barmer	15.0	12.7	12.9	10.6	10.1
5	Bharatpur	42.0	40.9	43.9	40.1	35.6
6	Bhilwara	21.7	21.7	21.2	18.6	17.4
7	Bikaner	28.8	27.7	27.5	27.8	27.7
8	Bundi	13.3	12.8	13.1	12.5	11.7
9	Chittorgarh	22.2	20.9	21.8	21.6	20.2
10	Churu	20.1	20.3	19.9	15.5	14.0
11	Dungurpur	13.7	12.5	11.0	9.7	8.8
12	Jaipur (SREE)	164.2	164.1	164.6	161.6	159.3
13	Do (P&E)	28.4	28.8	30.2	32.5	32.1
14	Do (P.H.)	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.3
15	Jaiselmer	6.0	5.6	6.0	5.6	5.1
16	Jalore	10	9.1	9.5	8.8	9.0
17	Jhalawar	14.8	14.0	12.8	11.5	11.1
18	Jhun Jhunu	39.0	37.0	38.2	39.5	37.8
19	Jodhpur	37.6	40.6	44.7	42.2	39.1
20	Kota	34.2	34.3	36.0	32.6	30.9
21	Nagaur	28.2	28.9	29.0	26.6	26.6
22	Pali	17.7	17.3	17.1	16.9	15.4
23	Sikar	25.4	25.6	25.9	20.4	18.3
24	Sirohi	8.9	9.2	9.1	8.9	9.1
25	Sri Ganganagar	19.9	19.6	20.3	21.0	19.9
26	Swai Madhopur	33.4	33.8	35.6	31.9	27.8
27	Tonk	22.7	24.7	24.3	22.1	20.4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28	Udaipur	40.2	39.1	36.0	33.3	30.1
29	Rajsamand	12	12.7	12.8	10.2	8.9
30	Baran	11.1	10.5	10.4	9.6	9.1
31	Dosa	21.6	21.6	23.3	25.0	21.7
32	Hanumangarh	14.7	14.3	15.2	16.3	14.9
33	Ajmer (P.H.)	-	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5
34	Alwar (P.H.)	-	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1
35	Jaipur (UEIGB)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
36	Jodhpur (UEIGB)	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6
37	Udaipur (UEIGB)	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
38	Bikaner (UEIGB)		0.3	0.6	0.8	0.9
	TOTAL	886.9	873.8	891.2	840.0	791.0

NOTE : Total may not tally due to rounding.

Consumer Protection in the Country

*547. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindu' dated the 14th July, 2001, under the caption, "Consumer Protection only on Paper";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems raised in the news-item so as to provide effective and meaningful consumer protection in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report on the study of the State-wise performance of the consumer disputes redressal agencies referred to in the news-item has come to the notice